

Another alternative examined was to establish regulations prohibiting the use of any containers that create an inaccessible center when stacked on pallets. This alternative was not acceptable as it will not allow the industry to make necessary container changes to meet changing retailer needs and will be an excessive restriction.

This final rule, which relaxes the lot stamp number requirement, impacts all handlers in the same manner and was viewed by the committee as the least restrictive and best solution. Relaxing the lot stamp number requirement solves the problems caused by changes in pallet sizes and container configurations as well as spares the industry future financial hardship. It allows the industry flexibility for future pallet size and container configurations.

A proposed rule concerning this relaxation was issued on January 24, 1996, and published in the Federal Register on February 1, 1996, (61 FR 3604). That rule provided a 30-day comment period which ended March 4, 1996. No comments were received.

Based on the above, the Administrator of the AMS has determined that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

After consideration of all relevant matter presented, the information and recommendations submitted by the committee, and other available information, it is found that this action will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 920

Kiwifruit, Marketing agreements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR Part 920 is amended as follows:

PART 920—KIWIFRUIT GROWN IN CALIFORNIA

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR Part 920 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

2. In Section 920.303 paragraph (d) is revised to read as follows:

§ 920.303 Container marking regulations.

(d) All exposed or outside containers of kiwifruit, but not less than 75 percent of the total containers on a pallet, shall be plainly marked with the lot stamp number corresponding to the lot inspection conducted by an authorized inspector; except for individual consumer packages and containers that are being directly loaded into a vehicle for export shipment under the

supervision of the Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service.

Dated: March 20, 1996.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Part 265

[Docket No. R–0918]

Rules Regarding Delegation of Authority

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Board is amending its Rules Regarding Delegation of Authority to authorize the Board's General Counsel to deny a request for stay of the effective date of a Board order. The Board itself would retain sole discretion to grant a request for stay of the effectiveness of any decision. This amendment corrects an unintentional omission from the Rules Regarding Delegation of Authority.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 27, 1996.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1987, the Board, pursuant to its authority under the Bank Holding Company Act and section 11(k) of the Federal Reserve Act, delegated to its General Counsel authority to deny a request for stay of the effective date of a Board order (52 FR 48805, December 28, 1987). The Board reorganized its Rules Regarding Delegation of Authority (12 CFR part 265) in 1991 to make it easier to locate specific delegations (56 FR 25614, June 5, 1991). In taking this action, the General Counsel's authority to deny a request for stay of the effective date of an action taken by the Board was unintentionally omitted from the amended Rules Regarding Delegation of Authority. This final rule corrects this omission.

Public Comment

The provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553 relating to notice, public participation,

and deferred effective date have not been followed in connection with the adoption of this amendment because the change to be effected is technical and procedural in nature and does not constitute a substantive rule subject to the requirements of that section.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

No significant impact on small entities is expected.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

In accordance with section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Ch. 35; 5 CFR 1320 Appendix A.1), the Board reviewed the rule under the authority delegated to the Board by the Office of Management and Budget. No collections of information pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act are contained in the rule.

List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 265

Authority delegations (Government agencies), Banks, banking, Federal Reserve System.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Board amends 12 CFR Part 265 as set forth below:

PART 265—RULES REGARDING DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

1. The authority citation for Part 265 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 248 (i) and (k).

2. In § 265.6, paragraph (a)(1) is revised to read as follows:

§ 265.6 Functions delegated to General Counsel.

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(a) *Procedure*—(1) *Reconsideration of Board action.* Pursuant to § 262.3(i) of this chapter (Rules of Procedure) to determine whether or not to grant a request for reconsideration or whether to deny a request for stay of the effective date of any action taken by the Board with respect to an action as provided in that part.

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By order of the Secretary of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 22, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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